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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37219

Re: **Docket Number: 00-00097**; In the Matter of the Application of Concentric Carrier Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in the State of Tennessee

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Concentric Carrier Services, Inc. ("Concentric"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby withdraws its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in the State of Tennessee ("Application") filed on February 9, 2000. Concentric respectfully requests that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority permit it to withdraw the above-referenced Application without prejudice.

An original and thirteen (13) copies of this letter are enclosed. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this request and return it in the self-addressed, postage-prepaid envelope provided. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Olson at (202) 295-8459.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Nicole Sommerfeld

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